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SUBJ: UNCTAD WHEAT CONFERENCE

1. MISSION OFFICIAL CONTACTED JOHN EATON (DG VI, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS) TO SEEK OUT HIS VIEWS ON THE PROSPECTS FOR THE UNCTAD WHEAT CONFERENCE BEGINNING NEXT WEEK. EATON SAID THAT INDEED THE PROSPECTS LOOKED VERY DIM IF REPORTS THE COMMISSION HAS RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON ARE TRUE. HE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THE WHEAT EXPORTING COUNTRIES HAD AGREED LAST WEEK IN WASHINGTON: (A) TO SUPPORT MR. ESDALE, A CANADIAN, FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE; AND (B) TO DEAL WITH COARSE GRAINS ONLY

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IN THE PLENARY OF THE CONFERENCE. EATON SAID THAT BOTH OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS WERE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMUNITY. HE SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE KNOWN ITS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT POLEZHAEV (USSR), THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE IWC COUNCIL AS CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN. HOWEVER, THEY WERE NOT WILLING TO SEE THE CHAIRMANSHIP GO TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF THE

MAJOR INTERESTED PARTIES.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE TREATMENT OF COARSE GRAINS IN THE CONFERENCE, EATON SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY ENVISAGED THAT SUBCOMMITTEES WOULD BE SET UP FOR BOTH WHEAT AND FEEDGRAINS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. IN THIS MANNER, WORK COULD PROCEED ON BOTH GROUPS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY FINAL DETERMINATION. HE SAID THAT IF COARSE GRAINS WERE TREATED MERELY AS AN ITEM WHICH WOULD BE REPORTED BACK TO THE PLENARY (THE EXPORTER POSITION AS REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION) THAT THIS WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO SAYING THAT NOTHING WAS GOING TO BE DONE ON FEEDGRAINS.

3. EATON IMPLIED THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD DEVELOPED NEW PROPOSALS ON FEEDGRAINS BUT THAT THESE WOULD NOT BE PRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE UNLESS THE ABOVE ISSUES WERE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED. HINTON

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